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Garage daycare proposed to aid transit workers

Westwood Transit Garage. Many parents forced to ask for help on ETS Facebook page

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There was a time in Amanda Ravenhorst's career with Edmonton Transit Services (ETS) when she was forced to quit because she couldn't find daycare services that accommodated her work hours.

"When my kids were younger, I went to my general supervisor, I went to talk to anyone and said, 'Help me.' And there was nothing," she said.

Now, the mother of two (with one on the way) is able to pick her kids up from school after finishing her day shift, while her husband Jason heads off to work an evening shift with ETS.

City officials hope to ease such concerns with the proposed Westwood Transit Garage, which is currently funded in the proposed capital budget through debt financing.

A daycare facility with 60-80 spots is planned as part of the $181.6-million building, something Coun. Bev Esslinger said she supports in theory.

"It's a phenomenal idea, but my worry is that there's 700 Edmonton Transit employees and only 60 (daycare) spaces," she said in a recent transportation meeting.

Amalgamated Transit Union Local 569 representatives have urged city council to seriously consider having daycare facilities at the garage because of a "great strain on the family environment."

Many parents working with the city post on the ETS Marketplace Facebook page, asking if someone could watch their child.

"It would be very hard for single parents to work with ETS and not have a daycare situation," Ravenhorst said. "With this new Westwood, it would be beneficial to have your children there until they are able to go to school."

Council will begin budget deliberations on Nov. 26, including the potential funding of a new Westwood Transit Garage.

"We were told … that we may not need to replace it until the 2020s. So realistically, I think we have to give that consideration," said Coun. Andrew Knack. "There are a lot of big priorities on that (budget) list, and $180 million could go a long way to funding some smaller items."

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Canadian North president Steve Hankirk, left, and CFL Commissioner Mark Cohon hold the Grey Cup in front of a custom-painted Boeing 737-300, emblazoned with CFL team logos, at the Edmonton International Airport on Tuesday after an unveiling of the plane along with a partnership between the CFL and the Canada North airline. The plane will be used to bring the Grey Cup champions home from Vancouver later this month. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Alberta politics

Prentice's property rights bill is weak, Wildrose says

Alberta's Wildrose party says Premier Jim Prentice isn't going far enough to protect the rights of property owners.

Prentice has introduced a bill to cancel the controversial Land Assembly Project Area Act, which was passed in 2009 but has yet to be proclaimed into law.

Some landowners and the Opposition say the act is fundamentally unfair because it allows the province to expropriate land without proper compensation or fair recourse to the courts.

Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith says other related bills need to be changed as well to ensure that the rights of private property owners are respected.

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LGBT rights

Gay-straight alliance bill gains more support

A private member's bill to help protect gay students in schools is gaining strength in the Alberta legislature.

Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith now says she is looking at supporting the bill, which will be introduced by the Liberals in the coming weeks.

The bill would require school boards to support students who want to establish gay-straight alliances in schools, which are basically peer support networks to help prevent gay students from being intimidated or bullied.

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Alley Kat Brewing co-owner Neil Herbst stands in his brewery's sample room. Under old regulations breweries weren't able to sell pints, but could give away small samples. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Good changes brewing for craft beer makers

'Baby steps.' ALGC gives the go-ahead to small brewers to sell their products on-site

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The Alberta Liquor and Gaming Commission quietly uncorked changes to liquor regulations last week that should pave the way for tasting rooms in the province's craft breweries.

Prior to new rules, brewers weren't allowed to sell product on-site, but could have sampling rooms to give small tastes.

"It allows them to sell and serve drinks in their manufacturing premises," said Tatjana Laskovic, a spokesperson for the corporation, who said many manufacturers had asked for the change as part of making their facilities more viable.

"This is one example of listening to the industry more and responding with business changes."

Neil Herbst, co-owner of Edmonton's Alley Kat Brewing, said the change is a welcome one for his business.

"You see these sorts of things in Montana and B.C. and I think it works very well," he said.

Herbst said his brewery already offers samples at the end of tours from a tasting room, but he can't serve up pints or charge for them.

"Really what's happening now is, I can sell pints instead of giving them away," he said.

Herbst said he still has concerns about the AGLC's rules and regulations and said even this positive change came with little warning.

"It would have been nice if we had known it was coming," he said.

Overall, Herbst said, there is a need for change in Alberta about how liquor is sold, but in the short term he will take this improvement.

"It's all baby steps, because they have a long history and it takes a long time to change a culture."

Cold ones

- Alley Kat currently offers tours on Thursday and Friday afternoons, but Herbst said this change could see them open up to Saturday events as well.
- In 2013, the province changed rules that required any commercial brewery to brew a minimum of 500,000 litres per year, which hampered smaller brewers.

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City snow budget short on cash

Snow more money?
Requested funding would go toward increased hours, services

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Edmonton's snow-clearing budget could be running short next year if council doesn't sign off on two requests for $5.2 million more.

The two requests would add 37,000 more hours of hired equipment, as well as increased service around school zones, set minimum standards for road width and clear windrows from driveways.

Gord Cebryk, the city's branch manager of transportation, said the additional hours better reflect what the city actually uses each year.

"We're trying to be more reflective of what the actual costs are, based on 10 years' worth of data," he said.

The city's snow-clearing program for this year is $10 million over budget. Cebryk said the city keeps plowing regardless of the budget, but would like to have a more realistic target.

"There is a certain amount of uncontrollable activity that you have to respond to," he said.

The other increases are added services that council considered earlier this year. Cebryk said those added services would need the additional funds because it would be difficult to do in the current budget.

Coun. Mike Nickel said he doesn't understand why the budget would be unfunded.

"What are your taxes paying for if it is not to clear the snow?"

Nickel is disappointed these projects weren't part of the existing budget.

"What is the possible logic of bringing unfunded snow-clearing packages?"

Paying for plowing

The city budgeted a total of $54 million for snow clearing in 2014.

- The city follows set service standards during snowfalls regardless of the budget impact.

Crews clear snow from downtown streets last winter. The city believes its snow-clearing budget is short. METRO FILE

Bus-cyclist encounters spark awareness hashtag

Cyclist Rachel Keglowitsch didn't worry at first about the Edmonton transit bus stopped beside her as she waited on her bike for a pedestrian to cross 112 Street.

But then, the driver of the bus swerved into the lane, almost striking Keglowitsch before she veered out of the way.

"I was in their way and if they kept going they would have crushed me," she said.

Near misses and accidents between cyclists and buses in the city like these witnessed by Edmontonian Tim Querengesser prompted him to start the Twitter hashtag #cyclesandbusesyeg in hopes that ETS managers hear cyclists' concerns.

"I think it comes down to the fact that we're sharing the same tiny bit of road, that drivers are incentivized to hit deadlines and drive aggressively and that perhaps they haven't been educated about the growing reality that cyclists are going to be on the right-side of the road," he wrote in an email to Metro.

David Shepherd, a member of the Edmonton Bike Coalition, said near misses have only happened to him twice while riding downtown for three years, but he still sees great value in having an awareness of incidents on social media.

"I think awareness is always a good thing," Shepherd said. "But certainly if it's something where other people are having a common experience then it's certainly worth discussing and talking about to see if there's some way to raise cyclists' and bus drivers' (awareness) to ensure we're both looking out for each other."

STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

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Bike support

Shepherd said dedicated cycling lanes would be the best way to reduce incidents.

- A photomosaic showing Edmontonians' support for bike infrastructure will be unveiled Thursday.

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Salary a contentious issue. U of A president hopefuls reflect on viral campaign

After their campaign to become the next University of Alberta president went viral, a group of four professors were somewhat surprised that they weren't considered as "serious contenders."

Last week, the U of A announced former University of Victoria president David H. Turpin would take over for president Indira Samarasekera after several months of vetting prospective candidates.

For Dalhousie University professor Kathy Cawsey, the announcement of Turpin's appointment came after the university returned the application she had submitted with three other colleagues.

Cawsey, who applied with Renee Ward, Lucie Kocum and Becca Fawn-Dew Babcock, said the group was inspired to toss their hat into the ring when they heard how much the U of A paid its presidents.

David H. Turpin STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO

"Our motivation was basically to call attention to the disparity between their rhetoric of austerity and their actual practice in having, I think, one of the highest salaries for the president in Canada," she said.

While no details have been released on Turpin's compensation, U of A Student Union VP Academic Kathryn Orydzuk said the salary for the president could be a point of contention for some students.

LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO

Western Alberta

Pipeline shot with high-powered rifle: Mounties

RCMP in western Alberta are investigating the shooting of a natural gas pipeline but don't believe it was malicious.

Mounties say the Talisman Energy pipeline was intentionally hit with one bullet from a high-powered rifle on the weekend.

The line, located about 60 kilometres north of Hinton, leaked a large quantity of natural gas before safety devices shut it down. There was no explosion. Const. Steve Lundberg says it's common to use deactivated pipelines for target practice.

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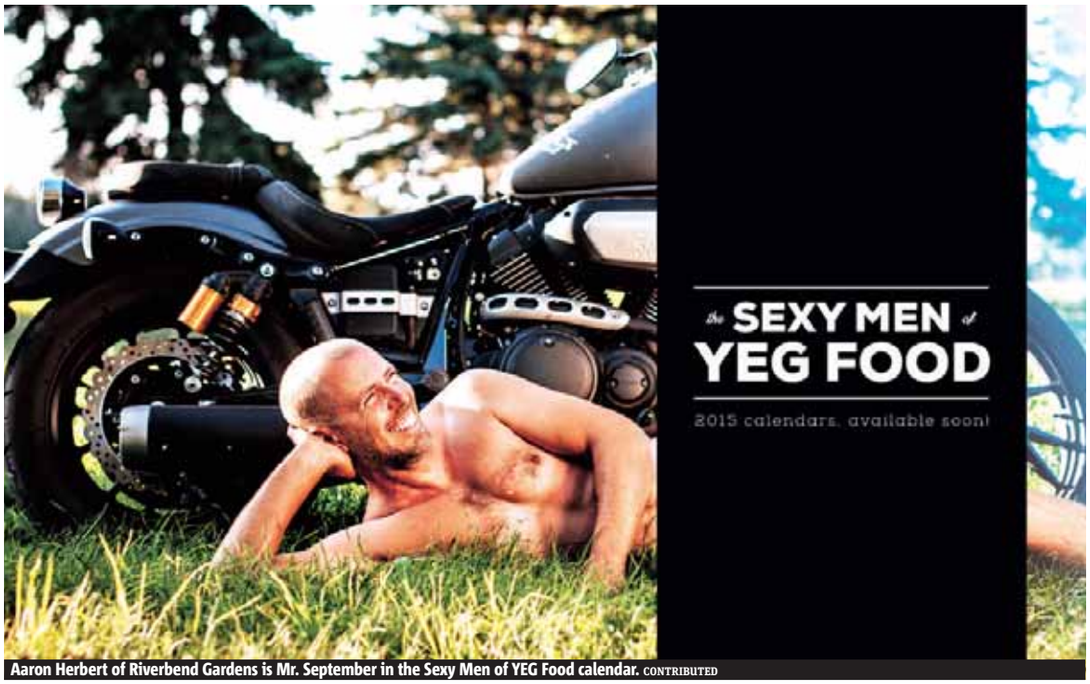
Near St. Michael

RCMP say horse shot northeast of Edmonton not a hunting accident

RCMP are investigating after someone shot a horse northeast of Edmonton.

Police say the horse was in a pasture near the community of St. Michael when it was hit in the torso by a bullet. The animal is recovering from the wound.

RCMP say it appears the shooter was deliberately trying to harm the horse and there are no indications that it was a hunting accident. Police say injuring animals is a Criminal Code offence that carries a maximum penalty of five years in jail. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Aaron Herbert of Riverbend Gardens is Mr. September in the Sexy Men of YEG Food calendar. CONTRIBUTED

2015 calendar shows off food buffs' best features

Sexy Men of YEG Food. Initiative in support of the Edmonton food bank

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Edmontonians looking for a piece of meat have to look no further than Mr. September or any of the other 11 months in a new calendar featuring some of the city's top food personalities.

Twelve hunky men tied to the local food industry in some capacity took their shirts off in support of the Edmonton Food Bank for the 2015 Sexy Men of YEG Food calendar.

Nevin Fenske, co-owner of the Drift food truck, was one of the models and said taking his shirt off and flipping his hair for a photo was worth it for charity.

"If you could take that small amount of time out of your day to donate to a good cause or make people aware then I think it's a good thing," said Fenske, who said he would do it again.

The idea for the 12-month visual delight came after food industry members Owen Petersen and Corey Meyer were talking about how the generic calendars that feature cute animals or picturesque scenes should have more of a local angle, which they said should help sales.

"The local food culture has been booming and there's popular personalities in the food world that we've managed to get a few of them in the calendar," said Petersen.

The $20 cost of the calendar will be donated fully to the city's food bank when it goes on sale this weekend.

Quoted

"It was a really interesting experience to just show up on a Tuesday morning, say, 'OK, nice to meet you, now take your shirt off.' It was all just a satirical take on what our own interpretations of what a firemen calendar would be like." Patrick Kerby, photographer

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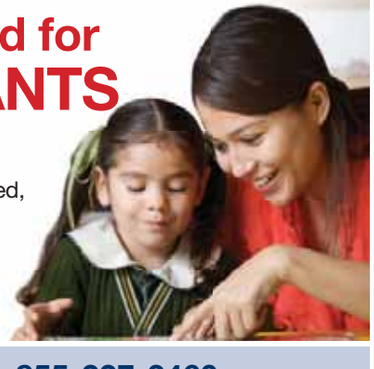

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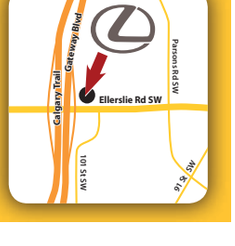

Boy gets dream shopping spree

Toys to bring joy. Seven-year-old with severe scoliosis dashes through store to load up on free goodies

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Christmas came early for Aboudi Elouta.

The seven-year-old Calgary boy, who suffered a stroke at birth and developed neurogenic infantile scoliosis, won a three-minute dash through a West Edmonton Toys "R" Us and up to $2,000 worth of free electronics and toys.

"I want the Xbox and Playstation 3, plus Minecraft and Amazing Spider-Man 2," said the understandably excited Grade 3 student, moments before the dash. "My friend Julia wants a Barbie, but I'll see if I get it."

Though facing his 12th surgery to correct a curved spine, Aboudi is an energetic and positive child, according to his mom Zubaidah.

"He can't do gym or sports, but nothing stops him," she said.

Brian Bringolf, executive director of the Starlight Children's Foundation, said this is the first year for a toy dash, but likely not the last.

"These kids are always in and out of hospital. Starlight aims to impact their quality of life, and our great volunteers and donors embrace that, too," said Bringolf.

Through year-round sales of a Starlight teddy bear and $1 stars sold at the cash register, Toys "R" Us has raised $1.7 million for Starlight this year.

"It's a great partnership. We want to help brighten the lives of seriously ill kids," said Toys "R" Us representative Tamar Nersesian.

Details

- The Starlight Children's Foundation Canada works with over 130 health-care facilities to make an ill child's time in hospital more enjoyable with coping kits, field trips and entertainment centres.
- Toys "R" Us donated five three-minute dashes (worth $10,000) to sick kids across Canada. In 16 years, the toy retailer has raised over $12 million for Starlight Canada.

Seven-year-old Aboudi Elouta got free rein at a West Edmonton Toys "R" Us location Tuesday morning, courtesy of the Starlight Children's Foundation Canada. The contest winner, born with neurogenic infantile scoliosis, filled three shopping carts with electronics, Lego toys and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles during his three-minute dash. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

Province urged to allow gay-straight alliances

Members of Edmonton's LGBTQ community rallied in advance of Wednesday's introduction of Bill 202 to the Alberta legislature, imploring MLAs to vote in favour of allowing gay-straight alliances (GSAs) in schools whenever requested.

Mickey Wilson of the Pride Centre of Edmonton said studies show schools that support GSAs have lower levels of discrimination and harassment than those without.

"GSAs create a safe space for kids to thrive," he said. "Those who argue against GSAs say, 'We don't have gays in our school,' but they're in every school and every culture in Alberta. The students sometimes choose not to be seen."

Grade 8 student Caeleah Bartosck said her Edmonton school doesn't have a GSA, but she wants one.

"Kids like me avoid saying they're gay — everyone is trying to be the same and fit in. But a GSA would make kids at my school more willing to be themselves," she said. "I want to ask the premier and education minister why we don't have the resources we need to succeed."

LGBTQ supporter and educator Murray Billett said while Liberal and NDP MLAs "have walked shoulder to shoulder" with the community, "PC members must walk the talk."

"They attend our Pride Parade but then vote against our motion. The hypocrisy is alarming and unacceptable."

Liberal MLA Laurie Blakeman's private member's bill will also ask for the removal of 11.1 from the Alberta Human Rights Act, which now prohibits open classroom discussion of sexuality without parental permission.

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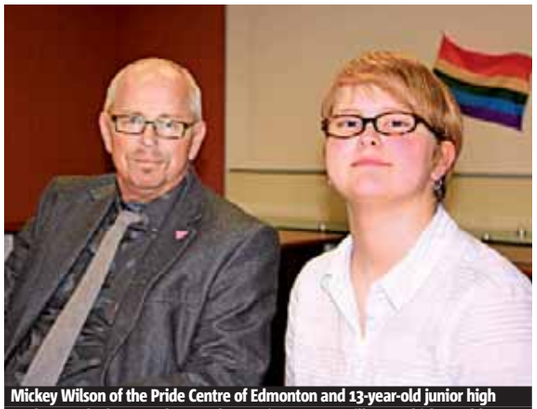
Background

- Motion 503, which asked the Alberta legislature to support gay-straight alliances in the province's high schools, was defeated in April with 38 per cent in favour and 62 per cent against. Some 42 per cent of MLAs didn't attend the vote.
- Bill 202, the Safe and Inclusive School Act, will be introduced Wednesday in the Alberta legislature by Liberal MLA Laurie Blakeman. A free vote on the bill isn't expected until December.



Mickey Wilson of the Pride Centre of Edmonton and 13-year-old junior high student Caeleah Bartosck want the province to pass Bill 202, which would permit gay-straight alliances in schools. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

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Misconduct. Commons committee says it has no mandate to investigate

Two suspended Liberal MPs remain in limbo after a multi-party committee determined it has no mandate to establish a process for investigating misconduct complaints between members of Parliament.

The secretive board of internal economy, which oversees the operation of the House of Commons, has punted the matter over to another committee.

Meanwhile, it has adopted interim measures that board spokesman John Duncan says could be used by the two Liberal MPs and the two female New Democrat MPs who've accused them of misconduct to informally resolve their dispute.

Those interim measures involve adopting elements of the process in place for dealing with sexual harassment complaints by Commons staff, including allowing for informal mediation.

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau suspended Massimo Pacetti and Scott Andrews from his caucus two weeks ago, pending an investigation into the allegations. The NDP women, who have not been named, have refused to level formal complaints, although one complained directly to Trudeau. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Politicizing the issue?

Ever since the suspension, the two parties have accused one another of politicizing the matter — the Liberals arguing Trudeau had a responsibility to act and the New Democrats saying the Liberal leader revictimized the women by publicly suspending the MPs.

Public service or career? Researcher urging term limits for city councillors

Tired of watching municipal incumbents hold power for years, even decades, Vass Bednar is leading a push for term limits on city councils.

"Isn't it undemocratic to elect the same people over and over again?" asked Bednar, who works as a researcher at the Martin Prosperity Institute in Toronto.

In October, Toronto voters endorsed 37 of the 38 councillors who stood for re-election. It was a similar story last week in Vancouver, where nine of the city's 10 incumbent councillors held on to their seats. Bednar wants to see municipal politicians limited to two terms.

She's not alone. In Toronto, Coun. Mary-Margaret McMahon has vowed to step down after her second term. On her website, McMahon writes that "city politics is a public service, not a career."

York University professor Dennis Pilon agrees that incumbents hold too much power, but doesn't believe term limits are the answer.

"If you want a reform that would genuinely advance Toronto politics, then get rid of the ban on political parties," he said, adding that parties can give aspiring councillors a leg up by associating them with a brand. LUKE SIMCOE/METRO IN TORONTO

U.S. Senate rejects bill to fast-track Keystone XL

Defeated by one vote. Bill was designed to circumvent White House's environmental review process

Quoted

"What is everyone upset about? We've been building pipelines for a long, long time — and we need to build this one."

Sen. Mary Landrieu, a Louisiana Democrat and a co-sponsor of the Keystone XL bill

The U.S. Senate has rejected a proposal to fast-track the approval of the controversial Keystone XL pipeline.

Pipeline supporters needed 60 votes to win approval for the bill, but it went down to defeat by a margin of 59-41.

Had it passed, U.S. President Barack Obama was widely expected to veto the bill, which was designed to short-circuit the White House's own environmental review process.

Last week, Obama suggested that Keystone XL would have a negligible positive impact on the U.S. economy, an assertion denied by both TransCanada Corp., the company behind it, and the Canadian government.

On Tuesday, Natural Resources Minister Greg Rickford insisted otherwise as he expressed disappointment in the result of the vote.

"This project will create jobs, long-term economic prosperity, energy security and environmental stewardship on both sides of our shared border," he said in a statement.

Further, Rickford continued, the State Department has already concluded that the project would not by itself result in increased output from the Alberta oilsands, and would replace "insecure sources" of crude with "a secure, reliable supply from Canada, North Dakota and Montana."

TransCanada Corp. has also long insisted the project would create tens of thousands of U.S. construction jobs.

Greenpeace Canada, long an opponent of the project, cheered the Senate for rejecting the proposal on environmental grounds.

Keystone XL "would enable the production of over 24 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions per year while threatening communities and their water supplies," said spokesman Mike Hudema.

As a result of the vote, the question of whether to approve the project is not likely to resurface until the new year, which is when the pro-Keystone Republicans will take over control of the Senate, wrested from the Democrats in midterm elections earlier this month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Meanwhile in Burnaby, B.C.

RCMP officers patrol a protest camp on Tuesday in Burnaby, B.C. Protesters have been attempting to prevent energy giant Kinder Morgan from conducting survey work on Burnaby Mountain for the proposed expansion of the Trans Mountain pipeline. Despite a court-ordered injunction that took effect Monday, many protesters have refused to leave the camp. No arrests had been made as of press time.

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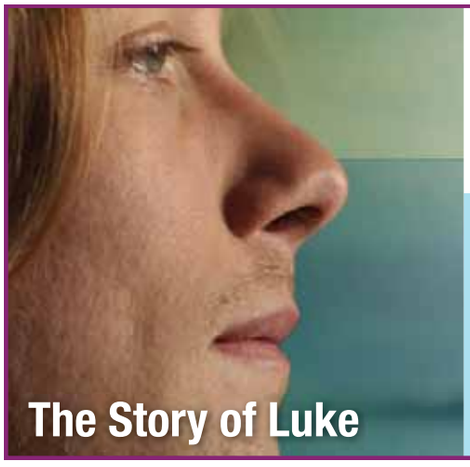

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Canadian wounded, at least 5 killed in Israeli synagogue

Hitting close to home. Israel's government vows retaliation in act of violence that killed four rabbis, policeman

A Canadian who moved to Israel to pursue his devout faith 30 years ago was left fighting for his life after an attack at the synagogue where he prayed three times a day, his sister said Tuesday.

Shelley Rothman-Benhaim said her brother Howie Chaim Rotman suffered multiple stab wounds when two Palestinian cousins stormed into his local temple wielding meat cleavers, knives and a gun.

The attackers killed four rabbis before being slain themselves in a police shootout. A police officer later died of his injuries.

The attack, the deadliest in the country since 2008, left the Israeli government vowing retaliation and drew the ire of world leaders including Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Rothman-Benhaim said that her brother underwent surgeries on his head, eyes and arms Tuesday and is currently in a medically induced coma in a Jerusalem hospital.

Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs did not identify Rotman by name, but said they were offering support to a dual Canadian-Israeli citizen.

"We express our condolences to the victims and wish a speedy and full recovery to those injured in today's deplorable terrorist attack," spokesman Francois Lasalle said in an email.

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Mourners attend the funerals of Aryeh Kupinsky, Cary William Levine and Avraham Goldberg, three of the four people killed in a shooting attack in a synagogue in Jerusalem on Tuesday. Two Palestinian cousins armed with meat cleavers and a gun stormed a Jerusalem synagogue during morning prayers Tuesday, killing five people in the city's bloodiest attack in years. Police killed the attackers in a shootout. ARIEL SCHALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"Canada condemns the barbaric act of terror against a synagogue in West Jerusalem.

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Canada's biggest earners now a little less wealthy: Report

Statistics Canada. The 1%'s share of the country's overall income fell, while the 99%'s income shares stabilized or rose

Canada's mega-rich lost ground to the other 99 per cent, say newly released figures from Statistics Canada.

The top one per cent of Canadian earners saw their share of the country's overall income tumble to a six-year low in 2012, the agency said in a report Tuesday.

The wealthiest Canadians, the data shows, held 10.3 per cent of total earnings, a drop from a peak of 12.1 per cent in 2006.

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To qualify for the exclusive club, the report said an individual had to earn a minimum of $215,700 in 2012, a feat achieved by 261,365 people who filed taxes that year.

Women represented 21.3 per cent of the ranks of Canada's super-wealthy in 2012 — nearly double their proportion of 11.4 per cent in 1982.

"Although Canadian men represent the vast majority of the top income groups, the number and share of women in (the) top one per cent reached a 31-year high in 2012," said the Statistics Canada report, which also elaborated on how much the gap narrowed overall.

"The six-year period between 2006 and 2012 also marked, for the first time since 1982, a prolonged period in which the total income shares of the bottom 90 per cent, 95 per cent and 99 per cent of Canadian tax filers rose or stabilized." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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HIGH TIME FOR AN UPDATE?

Sex ed. We all suffered through it. But is the program that was taught in schools a decade ago still relevant to kids today? With high-profile sex assault cases in the news, some educators and activists are renewing their call for schools to go beyond the basics and tackle issues of sexual violence, stopping it before it starts. But not everyone is on board with these ideas. Metro's Jessica Smith Cross spoke with people on both sides of the debate.

For

Overhaul urgently needed

What is missing from the current sex-ed curriculum? In Ontario schools, according to some, it's discourse on sexual violence.

Chris Markham is the executive director of the Ontario Physical and Health Education Association, which is asking for sex-ed instructors to talk to kids about sexual consent.

According to Markham, the acceptable standard for consent has evolved in recent years: It is no longer about the absence of a "no," but the presence of an active, enthusiastic "Hell yes."

Markham said that the idea of consent should be taught "as soon as possible," in an age-appropriate way.

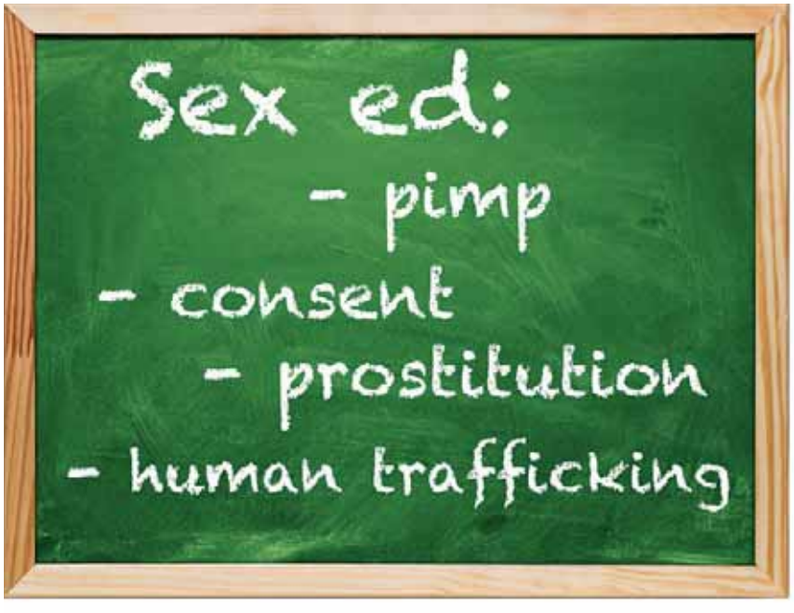
"In Grade 1, part of the reason kids are taught the proper body part names is to help prevent future abuse," he said. "(They're taught) if someone is doing something that isn't comfortable to you, you need to speak to an adult and use the proper terminology when explaining that. That is the beginning of consent."

What students should be taught about consent ought evolve as they mature. It should focus on teaching kids how to make healthy decisions that respect their bodies and feelings, and those of others, Markham said. For example, he noted that the 2010 curriculum states that in Grade 7, students should learn about sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and about engaging in sexual activity only when both partners consent.

Coming at the debate from a different perspective is Mia Biondi, co-ordinator of the PROS (Providing Resources, Offering Support) program at All Saints Community Centre-Church in Toronto. She argues the curriculum revamp is an opportunity to educate students about human trafficking and the sex trade. The idea is to teach students how to recognize a pimp or recruiter, because those who prey on young people typically present themselves as a friend, she said.

That would include teaching students lessons like, "Just because someone is giving gifts or attention, it doesn't mean they're doing it from a good place," Biondi said.

The human trafficking curriculum should be for Grade 7 students, and done in a sensitive, age-appropriate way, said Biondi.



Attempted overhaul

The Ontario government has pledged to consult with parents on updates to sex-ed curriculum and implement a new program in September 2015. The last attempt in 2010 to update the decade-old curriculum was halted due to opposition from some parents and religious groups.

- Among the proposals was teaching third-graders about same-sex marriage, sixth-graders about masturbation, and seventh-graders about oral sex and STIs.
- Ontario's sex-ed program hasn't been changed since 1998, before the widespread use of cellphones and social media among kids. and teens.

Alberta curriculum

Most parents in Canada can opt their children out of in-class sex-ed classes but they have to teach the material at home. Here's a condensed look at how kids are taught about sex in Alberta:

- **Grade 4.** The emotional and physical changes that occur during puberty.
- **Grade 5.** The components and function of the reproductive system.
- **Grade 6.** Risk factors associated with exposure to HIV, hepatitis, body piercing and needles.
- **Grade 9.** Coping strategies related to different rates of physical and sexual development.
- **Grade 11.** The role of trust in intimate relationships.
- **Grade 12.** The consequences of being sexually active.

Against

Sex-ed curriculum goes too far already

Some people were vocally opposed to a proposal to modernize Ontario curriculum in 2010, and they continue to be so today.

Nancy Winslow, a mother and grandmother from Beamsville, Ont., said she believes parents, not teachers, should teach kids about sex. She said the curriculum is not age-appropriate, nor appropriate in any way.

Winslow said students should not be taught sexual consent.

Too much, too soon?

"Children are being exposed to far more than their psyches can handle." Nancy Winslow, mother, grandmother

"I don't think sex needs to be discussed at school, certainly not in the young grades. Children are being exposed to far more than their psyches can handle. It takes away their innocence and it takes away their childhood," she said.

Winslow said she believes education about human trafficking should be reserved for high school students, who would be ready to learn about it.

"Schools should be teaching self-respect, self-discipline and respect for others," she said.

Progressive Conservative MPP Monte McNaughton asked Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne pointed questions in the legislature Tuesday about the government's plan to consult parents on the sex-ed curriculum, and accused the government of breaking its promise to meaningfully consult with parents on what they want their children to learn about sex.

"One carefully selected hand-picked parent per school represents 4,000 parents out of millions of Ontario parents. That's barely one per cent of parents," he said.

He called the process "covert," "a farce," "smoke and mirrors," and an insult to parents.

"When will you reveal the contents of the new Liberal sex education curriculum so all parents in the province can see for themselves what you have planned for their children?"

McNaughton said the premier was "afraid" to tell parents what the curriculum will include.

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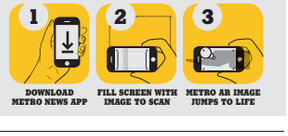

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Joey McIntyre happy to help turn CBS into an old boy-band network

Television. Sitcom star is second New Kids on the Block member to join prime-time lineup

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Joey McIntyre, second from left, with the cast of The McCarthys. CTV

With Joey McIntyre on The McCarthys and Donnie Wahlberg holding down the fort on Blue Bloods, CBS is now at 20-per-cent New Kids on the Block saturation. And it's a strategy that appears to be working. "We're on different nights, so that's good. We can get one more half-hour out of (the fans)," McIntyre jokes. Seriously, though, those Blockheads — fans of the grown-up boy band — are showing their support.

"They're very excited about the show. I think of course they're going to be inclined to like something that I'm on or one of us is on, but they're a good audience, they're a smart audience," he says. "We always have a good 25 or 30 of them at the taping."

McIntyre stars as one of the titular McCarthys, a loud and boisterous Boston family that includes twins Gerard (McIntyre) and Sean (Jimmy Dunn) along with little brother Ronny (Tyler Ritter) and sister Jackie (Kelen Coleman), all under the leadership of parents Arthur (Jack McGee) and Marjorie (Laurie Metcalf).

This isn't the first time McIntyre has put his Boston roots to work for an acting gig. McIntyre popped up as one of Melissa McCarthy's brothers in last year's The Heat, though he insists the two families are very different — despite the accent.

"There is a certain aspect to it, a certain niche that Boston brings — an Irish Boston kind of chip on your shoulder, working class mentality, very opinionated," he says. "There's a certain thing that I think Boston people have, a point of view. And certainly that was the kickoff of where the McCarthys came from. That family in the Heat is similar, but without the F-word. I mean, the McCarthys would be very, very insulted if you compared us to that family. We think we're much better than that."

If there's any downside to his career as a New Kid, it's that the terrible timing when it comes to the average age of his fans means he's never really gotten to really indulge in groupie culture.

"Back then they were young girls, teenagers, going crazy and figuring all sorts of stuff out," he explains. "Back then they were too young and now they're all beautiful women — and I'm married and happy. Couldn't enjoy you then, and can't enjoy you now."

The McCarthys

The McCarthys airs Thursdays at 9:30 p.m. ET on CTV.

Music

A New Kid's take on boy band revival

So what does Joey McIntyre think of the popularity of One Direction — and the current boy-band resurgence?

Let's face it, given the success New Kids on the Block has found on the touring and cruise ship circuit, he can't be that mad. And he's not.

"It comes in cycles, you know what I mean? You talk about The Jackson 5 and The Osmonds, then New Kids and then Backstreet Boys and *NSYNC. And then we take a break," McIntyre says.

"But One Direction doesn't come around every day, you know what I mean? And that's just a massive thing. I'm happy for them. Seems like they're making good pop music and they're good guys. I think they should dance a little bit more, but other than that, they seem like good guys."

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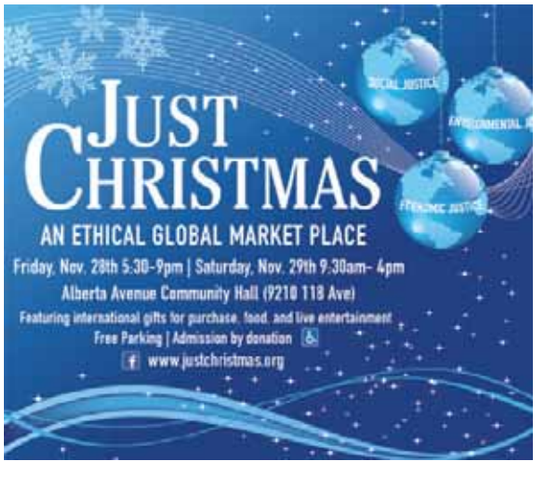

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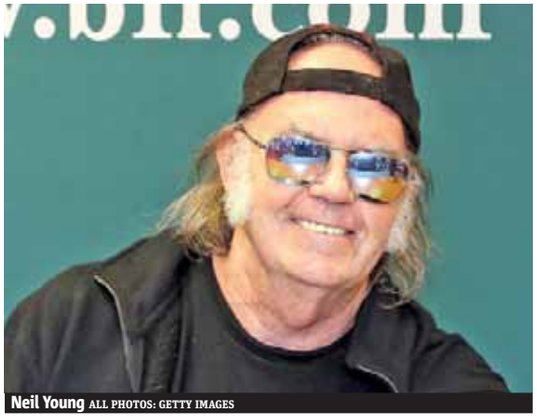
Neil Young ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

The Starbucks stop here for Neil Young

Neil Young, rock's resident cranky uncle, is boycotting Starbucks over a lawsuit challenging Vermont's new genetically modified food labelling law. "I used to line up and get my latte every day, but yesterday was my last one," Young writes on his website. "If we can generate enough attention, we can push Starbucks to withdraw its support for the lawsuit and then pressure other companies to do the same."

A spokesman for Starbucks, however, claims Young is off-base. "The petition claiming that Starbucks is part of this litigation is completely false and we have asked the petitioners to correct their description of our position," a company statement reads.

Is it weird that I lost a little respect for Young when he admitted he drank lattes from Starbucks everyday? I mean, that just doesn't sit right.

Benedict Cumberbatch and Sophie Hunter

Benedict and Sophie finally step out together

Now that Benedict Cumberbatch and Sophie Hunter have finished quietly announcing their engagement without his devoted female fans calling for her death, it's safe to take a victory lap in public.

Cumberbatch and Hunter made their first shared red carpet appearance this week at the New York premiere of his new film, The Imitation Game.

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The Word

Willow and Jaden bring the crazy

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Will and Jada Pinkett Smith are apparently ridiculously indulgent parents, and the Times is on it! Their teenage offspring, Jaden and Willow Smith, sat down with the New York Times' T Magazine to talk about their music, creativity in general, energies, philosophy — really, all sorts of things that reinforce why giving teens a platform to pontificate is a bad idea. But it's too late, because they were given the platform. So let's all take a moment to bask in the pretension:

On creativity

Jaden: "Honestly, we're just trying to make music that we think is cool. We don't think a lot of the music out there is that cool. So we make our own music. We don't have any song that we like to listen to on the P.C.H. by any other artist, you know?"

Willow: "That's what I do with novels. There're no novels that I like to read so I write my own novels, and then I read them again, and it's the best thing."

On time and relativity

Jaden: "It's proven that how time moves for you depends on where you are in the universe. It's relative to beings and other places. But on the level of being here on Earth, if you are aware in a moment, one second can last a year."

Willow: "I mean, time for me, I can make it go slow or fast, however I please, and that's how I know it doesn't exist."

On education

Jaden: "Kids who go to normal school are so teenagery, so angsty ... You never learn anything in school. Think about how many car accidents happen every day. Driver's ed? What's up? I still haven't been to driver's ed because if everybody I know has been in an accident, I can't see how driver's ed is really helping them out."

Willow: "I went to school for one year. It was the best experience, but the worst experience. The best experience because I was, like, 'Oh, now I know why kids are so depressed.' But it was the worst experience because I was depressed."

On life goals

Jaden: "I have a goal to be just the most craziest person of all time. And when I say craziest, I mean, like, I want to do like Olympic-level things. I want to be the most durable person on the planet."

Willow: "I think by the time we're 30 or 20, we're going to be climbing as many mountains as we can possibly climb."

Hannah Bagshawe and Eddie Redmayne

Redmayne to wrap up year with winter wedding

Of course, Benedict Cumberbatch isn't the only young Internet-friendly British actor ready to tie the knot.

The Theory of Everything star Eddie Redmayne, in fact, will be a married man before the year is out. "It's coming up fast, before Christmas," he tells me of his impending nuptials with fiancée Hannah Bagshawe. Of course, he's been a bit busy, what with the ongoing Awards Season campaign for his portrayal of Stephen Hawking.

"It's been a lot of me on FaceTime going, 'Yes, whatever you want, that looks nice,'" he admits.

Betty White

TV Land leaves Hot in Cleveland out in the cold

Sorry, Betty White fans.

TV Land has officially given the axe to its first original series, Hot in Cleveland, which just started its sixth season. Seriously, did you know it had been running for six seasons? Weird. Anyway, the show's stars were understandably bummed about the news. Valerie Bertinelli, for example, posted this quote by Shel Silverstein: "There are no happy endings. Endings are the saddest part. So just give me a happy middle and a very happy start."

As of press time, Betty White hadn't tweeted since this season's premiere two weeks ago. Which is maybe part of the problem.

How-to

Get all the right newsletters

1. Sign up for the eblasts from the sun-vacation people all year round. Many have great deals if you book (and pay) in advance, and these often crop up out of season. Ditto for the cruise ships.
2. Stay connected with your favourite hotel chains, which always broadcast deals for certain cities or time frames.
3. Did you really enjoy your last tour? Sign up for the operator's newsletter, because many have rewards for loyalty.
4. Tune into things like Travel Zoo, Expedia, Air Canada Vacations and other discount news briefings.
5. Just unsubscribe from the ones you're deleting without reading to ensure inbox sanity.

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Trend

Interactive vacation cuisine

The Rosewood Mayakoba resort near Playa del Carmen has launched La Ceiba Garden & Kitchen, a food concept that weaves insider culinary experiences into your vacation. Cooking demos, tasting sessions and foraging trips bring you closer to the source of all the Mexican deliciousness. Guests can visit places like a bee farm and a family-run tortilla factory. Gastro-tourism at its most authentic. Go to rosewoodhotels.com/en/mayakoba-riviera-maya.

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New

Princess christens a new Love Boat

Love Boat cast members were on hand in Fort Lauderdale recently to launch the new Regal Princess from Princess Cruises, the cruise line that served as the backdrop for the show. As well, 25 of the show's guest stars were along for the ride, including Florence Henderson, Loni Anderson and Charo. The new ship features a giant atrium, a glass-bottomed sea walkway and the brand's signature, high-definition outdoor theatre.

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Airbnb to launch travel magazine

Short-term vacation rental service Airbnb has announced plans to release a quarterly travel magazine that will cover everything from culture and art to food and style as seen through the lens of three different cities. The inaugural edition of the magazine, called Pineapple, will be distributed for free to global hosts, with a limited number of copies also for sale in specialty bookstores, at newsstands and in boutiques across North America and Europe. The initial print run will be 18,000 copies. Stories will include insider tips, personal anecdotes and essays, and will be written by experienced Airbnb hosts and travellers. The featured cities in the first issue are London, Seoul (pictured here) and San Francisco. Copies will be distributed at the annual Airbnb Open summit held in San Francisco for hosts November 21-23.

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Deals

Tips for planning your Black Friday bargain trip

ON THE MOVE
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Canadians won't be celebrating American Thanksgiving next week but a road trip south of the border for Black Friday has become a tradition for bargain hunters north of the 49th parallel. Here's a few things to consider:

Cost of the trip
The good news is gas prices are at record lows when compared to the last four years but you still need to account for things like overnight accommodation and meals. Travelzoo.ca has some great hotel deals in cities like New York, Boston and Chicago. For the best bargains, limit your trip to a two-night stay; arrive on the Thursday and depart on Saturday.

Timing
Americans looking to get their hands on the best deals are already lined up outside the big-name stores. With some sales scheduled to start at midnight next Thursday, serious shoppers should prepare to be up all night. On the way home, expect long waits at the border. Canada Border Services Agency says peak times are between 12:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Plan out your purchases
Despite the fact that Canadian retailers have jumped on the Black Friday bandwagon in recent years, you will likely find better deals south of the border. However, with the current exchange rate, it is worth doing some cost comparisons. RedFlagDeals.com offers screenshots of Canadian and American Black Friday Flyers that have already hit the market.

Track what you buy
Ensure you know the rules when you get to the border. After an absence of 24 hours, you may bring back $200 worth of goods duty- and tax-free; after 48 hours, your personal exemption is $800. There are no personal exemptions for same-day purchases. Make life easy for yourself and be sure proper identification for everyone in your vehicle is readily available and have your receipts handy, totaled and categorized by the items purchased.

Are you going to join in the Black Friday madness? ISTOCK

The Brooklyn of Paris

Redefining cool. Remember when every city wanted to be Paris? Now a part of the City of Light is hoping it's hip enough to be like New York's booming borough

Paris' once gritty suburb Pantin is drawing comparisons to Brooklyn, with its skyrocketing real estate, industrial buildings and influx of artists. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

For more than a century, cities around the world have compared themselves to Paris. Many claim to be the Paris of the East: Bucharest, Prague, Istanbul, Beirut and Shanghai to name a few. There's also the Paris of North America (Montreal), the Paris of South America (Buenos Aires) and the Paris of the Plains — Kansas City in the Jazz Age.

But now the wannabe city is Brooklyn. Every neighbourhood with a critical mass of bearded hipsters, bike shops and vegan cafes calls itself "the new Brooklyn." Ballard is the Brooklyn of Seattle. Glasgow and Melbourne both claim Brooklyn cool. And Oakland, Calif., has been called the Brooklyn of San Francisco so many times that Julia Cosgrove, editor of AFAR travel magazine, says she "can't bear to read another story about it."

There's even a Brooklyn of Paris: the once-gritty suburb of Pantin. Its derelict, graffiti-covered warehouses have been taken over by galleries and artists, turning it into the hippest place in the City of Light. Just like in Brooklyn, real estate prices have shot up, and old industrial buildings now house luxury lofts.

"It may have a way to go before it's on a par with Brooklyn, but I expect it will continue to develop, considering how much investment and risk-taking is going on there — alongside the natural flux of artists toward the area," said artist Oliver Beer, who works both with a gallery in Pantin and with the Museum of Modern Art's contemporary arts outpost, PS1, in New York City.

Other signs of what's called the "Brooklynization of Paris" include gluten-free restaurants and juice bars popping up. "It used to be when young chefs studied under the great chefs, they wanted to open important restaurants or go to the countryside and get their Michelin star. Now they're rejecting that model, they're saying, 'I'm going to do more back-to-the-roots, farm-to-table cooking in a small restaurant with a few tables,'" said Katherine Johnstone, a spokeswoman for Atout France USA, the French tourism agency in New York, describing a shift that some observers compare to Brooklyn's culinary scene.

On Oct. 10, The Atlantic published a list of places The New York Times has compared to Brooklyn with headlines like Brooklyn in Beijing and Brooklyn on the Hudson. Undaunted, a Nov. 6 Times headline read: A Touch of Brooklyn in Ridgewood, Queens.

And if Queens is the new Brooklyn, there's already a name for that, too: Quooklyn.

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Brooklyn's boom

Brooklyn's emergence as a global symbol of all things trendy marks quite a turnaround for a place once mocked as Manhattan's less sophisticated neighbour. "We've become the epicentre of cool as cool is now defined," says Marty Markowitz, 69, who was born and raised in Brooklyn in an era when it was better known for ethnic enclaves, working class culture and the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Las Vegas shows off its softer side

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Fremont Street, a five-block entertainment district, still maintains the original charm of vintage Vegas with some of the city's most iconic casinos.

Downtown Container Park in Las Vegas attracts artisans, and features terrific restaurants, shops and galleries. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Today's Las Vegas is all about "aspirational luxury," offering up a high-roller experience even to those who like to save their pennies. With new boutique hotels, celebrity chef restaurants and all-day clubs, Vegas continues to evolve at a pace unlike any other city.

While many visitors enjoy the spoils of Las Vegas — gambling, entertainment and culinary delights — there is also a softer side to Vegas.

"Many properties are non-gaming and non-smoking with nature integrated into their designs, offering a more serene option to the bright lights and excitement that so many others crave," said Naomi Strasser, spokesperson for the Las Vegas Convention & Visitor's Authority.

The new Delano Las Vegas, for example, which replaces The Hotel at Mandalay Bay, is a non-gaming "lifestyle" hotel, which offers an oasis of serenity for those who want a break from the ringing of slot machines.

And the emergence of downtown Vegas as a destination unto itself is the embodiment of "everything old is new again," Strasser said. Fremont Street, a five-block entertainment district, still maintains the original charm of vintage Vegas with some of the city's most iconic casinos.

On and off the Strip, new hotels are offering something a little different from the previously popular "themed" hotels.

The Cromwell, which recently opened its doors, is considered the Strip's first boutique hotel with just 188 rooms, offering a throwback Parisian vibe. It's also home to celebrity chef Giada De Laurentiis' first restaurant. Called Giada, it features the chef's signature Italian cuisine with California influences.

And Drai's Beach Club, located on The Cromwell's rooftop, does double-duty as a beach club during the day and nightclub in the evening (with late-night pool parties) on its 65,000-square-foot pool deck.

The Cromwell is part of a new outdoor shopping, dining and entertainment district called LINQ, located smack dab in the centre of the Strip.

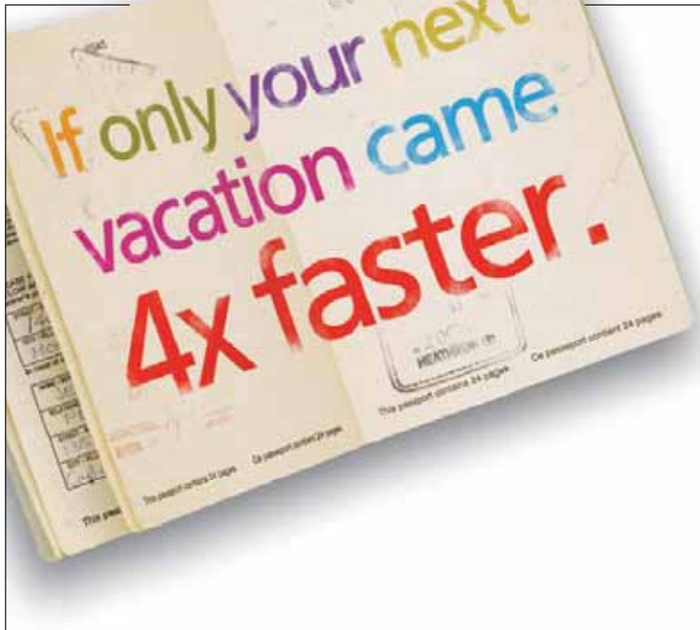
The Philippe Starck-designed SLS Hotel & Casino, which opened for business in October, is located further down the Strip (past Wynn and Encore), but not quite downtown.

At SLS, you have the best of both worlds, Strasser said. It's on the heels of the Strip, but a stone's throw from the vintage-meets-hipster elements of downtown Vegas.

"Culturally, Las Vegas has evolved immensely with new, hip destinations like the Downtown Container Park, which attracts artisans, has terrific restaurants, shops and galleries, and is a neat counterpoint to the excitement of the Strip," Strasser said.

Theme vacations

- **For the ultimate guys trip:** Drive a Ferrari on the Las Vegas Speedway with Dream Racing, or learn to be a "top gun" at Sky Combat Ace.
- **For families:** Visit sawfish, rays and sea turtles at the Shark Reef Aquarium at Mandalay Bay, or get up close and personal with dolphins at the Secret Garden in The Mirage.
- **Off the Strip:** Tour Red Rock Canyon with Pink Jeep Tours, or get a bird's-eye view of the Grand Canyon with Maverick Helicopters.
- **For history buffs:** Head to the Neon Boneyard, dedicated to preserving the city's iconic neon signs, or visit the Mob Museum.
- **For romance:** Clink champagne glasses at the Fizz Champagne Bar at FIZZ, a champagne lounge and bar designed by Sir Elton John and his partner, David Furnish.



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Globetrotting in the virtual world

Exotic gaming. Video game designers are setting their adventures in more far-flung locales to satisfy gamer wanderlust

At the beginning of Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare, the recently released instalment in Activision's blockbuster military shooter franchise, the player is dumped from the sky in a drop pod onto an urban battlefield, smashing into skyscrapers and landing in a futuristic, war-torn rendition of a city that's rarely depicted in video games: Seoul, South Korea.

It's a Wizard of Oz moment for the Call of Duty series.

The interactive medium has long built digital playgrounds based on real-world locales. However, recent technological leaps, as well as an endless string of games set in ubiquitous locations like New York and Los Angeles, have motivated developers of some of the year's biggest and most anticipated games to boldly go where they haven't before.

"I think designers are on the lookout for compelling places you want to be," said Advanced Warfare senior level designer Colin Munson. "It's fantasy fulfilment. That's probably why we always see New York and Los Angeles. We made it a concerted effort at the beginning of development to broaden our levels. Seoul was one of the first that came to mind."

Munson found that the city's sprawling shopping district seamlessly served as a shooting gallery, and Seoul's wide streets — normally a no-no in first-person shooter level design — made for the perfect spot to unleash a swarm of enemy drones 50 years in the future.

The pervasiveness of imagery and records online has made it both easier and more difficult for designers. The creators of the present-day open-world shoot-'em-up Far Cry 4, scheduled for release Nov. 18, found a disconnect between what they glimpsed on their screens and what they experienced in person when visiting the country that inspired their sequel.

A team of Far Cry 4 designers travelled to Nepal while fashioning Kyrat, a fictional nation in the Himalayas entrenched in a bullet-riddled revolt. The Ubisoft game's vistas mirror Nepal's lush forests that give way to snowy mountains. The more difficult balance to strike was creating a realm that felt fantastically realistic but wouldn't offend folks in the real world.

"We're inspired by the locations and cultures, but we don't directly reference it," said Far Cry 4 narrative director Mark Thompson.

"We did work early on to create a unique mythology and religion for Kyrat, borrowing from the themes and symbolism of Buddhism and Hinduism. At the end of the day, we're making a video game. It's about escapism and fun."

Apparently, there's still nothing like the real thing.

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Far Cry 4's fictional nation of Kyrat in the Himalayas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Far Cry 4 designers travelled to Nepal to get a sense of the area. ISTOCK

Bucket list

Tasmania

The remote Australian island of Tasmania is perfect for outdoor enthusiasts, as famous for unspoiled natural environment as it is for the Tasmanian Devil (pictured). Almost half of the island is parkland and designated heritage land, with five regions and two islands. The capital of Hobart is your jumping off point for cool excursions, including a picnic visit to Mount Wellington for one of the best views in the world. The animal kingdom is both rich and fascinating; this is the home of platypuses, penguins, wallabies, seals, eagles and the above-mentioned snarling, carnivorous marsupial, to name just a few. Visit discovertasmania.com.au.

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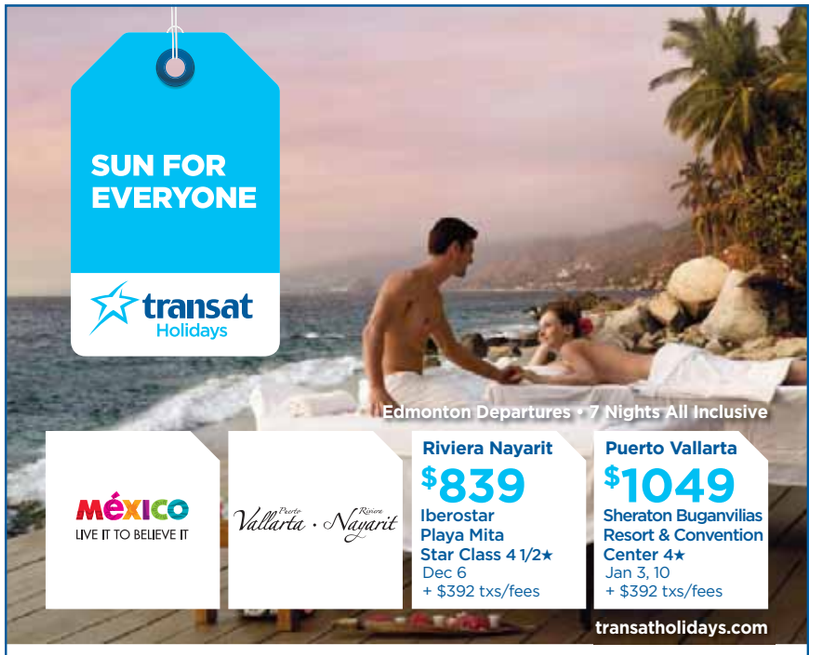

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All about that Bouillabaisse

Soup Week. This French soup, with its under-the-sea combo, continues Metro's week of brothy dishes

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Enjoying seafood in a bowl is a delicious way to have dinner, and this French classic will entice any seafood lover.

Pick up your favourite wine to enjoy with the dish and make it extra special.

Be sure to look for a variety of seafood at your local grocer or market. If you are unable to purchase the variety in this recipe, simply pick out your favourite combination and create your own take.

The combination of seafood in this light, but rich-tasting broth makes for a beautiful meal to share with friends.

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I love serving up this soup with a crusty French bread to sop up any bits of fish and seafood left in the bowl.

If you have any leftovers be sure to take the mussels, clams and crab out of their shells and stir it into the soup.

It's delicious in a thermos or served over rice the next day for a tasty lunch.

Enjoy the slight heat from the rouille in each spoonful with some crusty baguette. Rouille is an oil base sauce usually served in France on top of fish soups to give a wonderful kick of flavour and creaminess to the broth.

1. Rouille: Combine bread crumbs, peppers, garlic, cayenne and mayonnaise in blender and buzz until coarse. Drizzle in oil and blend until smooth; set aside.

2. Bouillabaisse: Heat oil over medium heat and cook shallots and fennel, stirring often for about 10 minutes or until softened. Stir in broth, tomatoes, thyme, bay leaves and saffron; bring to the boil. Boil gently for 10 minutes.

3. Add potatoes, reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes. Add mussels, crab legs, clams and monkfish; stir gently to combine into broth. Cover and cook for about 8 minutes or until mussels and clams are open and monkfish is firm.

4. Ladle into shallow soup bowls and dollop each with a spoonful of rouille.

Ingredients

Rouille
- 1 cup (250 ml) bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) roasted red peppers
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) cayenne
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) extra virgin olive oil

Bouillabaisse
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 2 large shallots, diced
- 1 small fennel bulb, trimmed, diced
- 6 cups (1.5 l) vegetable broth
- 1 can (28 oz/796 ml) diced tomatoes
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) saffron threads
- 12 oz (375 g) mini red potatoes, halved
- 1 lb (454 g) mussels, scrubbed and bearded
- 1 lb (454 g) crab legs
- 1 lb (454 g) small pasta clams
- 8 oz (227 g) monkfish

This recipe makes six to eight servings. EMILY RICHARDS

Presenting prowess is within your grasp

Career. How to get up, stand up and deliver your message, without your stomach flipping

LAUREN MARINIGH
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Leaving an audience in awe is not the easiest thing to accomplish. Practice matters, and as you gradually get the hang of managing different audiences, you will soon begin to realize that it gets easier over time.

Before you know it, you'll be able to present on just about anything with ease, and with minimal butterflies in your tummy. Here are some tips that are key to any professional presentation.

Rehearse

Practice really does make perfect, so go over your presentation as much as possible. With lots of practice, the content of your presentation will become second nature and you won't require cue cards or notes.

Want feedback? Rehearse in front of friends, family or co-workers so you can see how you do under (a little) pressure. Not ready for that? Try a mirror.

Tip: Keep in mind that there may be interruptions or questions throughout your presentation. This is why you need to be comfortable with your material — don't treat it like a recitation.

Keep it straight and to the point

Present your information in a clear and concise way. It is easy to lose someone's attention if you take too long to get to the key points across. Ask yourself: What are the key pieces of information you need to communicate? Is there anything unnecessary you can omit? Timing your presentation can help you identify areas that are over-long or too short — these sections may be due for a review.

Tip: Deliver your presentation to someone who knows little about your subject matter. How do they react?

Consider personal presentation

Your appearance and body language is crucial. Keep your arms from crossing in front of you, don't fidget, and move through your space while presenting (walking across the stage, for example). These small details can help keep the audience engaged, and make your presentation more than a static talking head behind a podium with cue cards.

Tip: Make sure to pay attention to how you dress. Proper attire makes a great impression and can boost your self-confidence.

Create a call to action

A good presentation includes a clear next step for your audience. This is usually a type of action (connecting, engaging, purchasing), or at least underscores the identity of the person or organization who organized the presentation.

It's a good strategy to have a handout or takeaway item like a brochure, document of quick tips or even just a business card. This item will underscore your presentation and promote the call to action you've developed.

Tip: Make your leave-behinds visually appealing and in line with the branding of your presentation. This item is going to need to support a strong connection.

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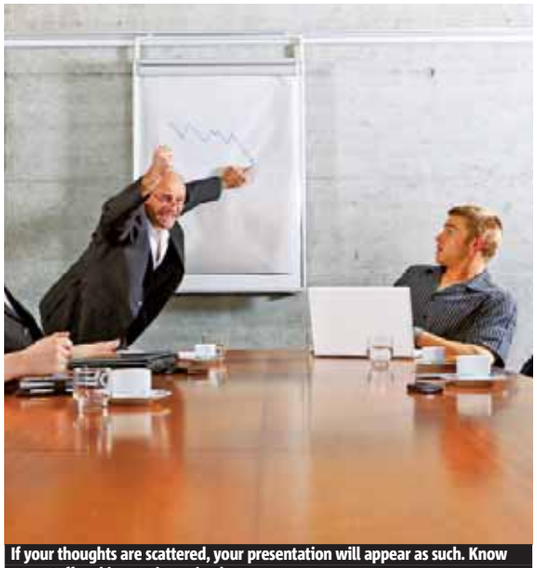
Use more visuals

Don't fill a presentation with text-heavy slides. Convey your message using photos and a few keywords for structure — leave the rest to your delivery.

- Nobody engages with a presentation slide full of words (and it's not very visually appealing, either).
- Presenters often use too much text when they aren't confident in the presentation they are giving and need the slides as speaking references. This is where practising will help.

Tip: Sustain the flow of your presentation by embedding videos directly in each slide. Having to exit the presentation for any reason puts you at risk of losing momentum.



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When a vacation is all you never wanted

Career. Basking in the sun for a short while doesn't necessarily lead to relaxation

Need a vacation to recover from that vacation? You're not alone, say experts from the University of Ottawa.

Typical vacations do not decrease long-term work-related stress levels, according to Jane O'Reilly, a human resources professor. In other words, an employee goes away, stress goes down. He comes back, stress goes up.

What's more, if vacation experiences are "resource-consuming," they can leave someone even feeling more drained than before, said another human resources professor, Laurent Lapierre.

Experts say that with a little planning, though, these pitfalls can be avoided.

Here are ways to get more rest, have more fun, and avoid wasting that precious summer reprieve.

Pitfalls of being productive

When people experience work-related stress during a vacation, it can be because they are "output-oriented" individuals, according to management professor Michael Miles.

"They worry about getting this done and getting that done," he said.

Some people just need to recognize that this need to be productive is an aspect of their personality, he said.

"The one thing that I found for myself — I fall into that category — is that I make goals for my vacation itself. So for example, one of my goals for this vacation is to clean out my garage, which sounds really crazy, but it's really relaxing. It's enjoyable because it's a goal and I can check it off and feel like I've achieved something."

Working on personal projects and checking items off a "bucket list" can both be fulfilling alternatives to work, according to O'Reilly.

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Slow and steady

- Human resources professor Jane O'Reilly suggests keeping a vacation plan simple, so there aren't any unexpected, stressful hassles along the way. These drain resources and can make a holiday feel like more trouble than it's worth.

Home Matters

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Is Eakins the worst coach in the NHL?

THE HOCKEY NEWS
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Nobody likes to be last. And though I'm sure he's way past the point of paying attention to outside noise, it probably stings just a bit that Oilers coach Dallas Eakins was recently ranked 30th among NHL bench bosses by an ESPN panel. And sure, ESPN isn't exactly the first media outlet you think of when hockey comes up, but it's still an indictment. Now we have to ask if it's a fair one.

Looking at the standings, the Oilers are indeed one of the worst teams in the league and certainly the most atrocious in the West. They still haven't beaten anyone in their own conference and if Columbus and Carolina (both of whom have been ravaged by key injuries early on) win their next contests, Edmonton will be only better than Buffalo in the standings.

So what about Sabres coach Ted Nolan? Well, of course there's an asterisk there because Buffalo is in the middle of a rebuild and the Sabres were expected to be awful this season. Maybe not as bad as they have been, but certainly in that ballpark. And I would assume Nolan gets a little leverage from coaching up Team Latvia to a gritty showing at the Olympics in Sochi.

Eakins doesn't get the benefit of the doubt anymore and really, it was a pretty short honeymoon. His professional calling card to date was taking the American League's Toronto Marlies all the way to the Calder Cup final in 2012, despite a rash of injuries that knocked out pretty much every top player on that squad by the end. In fact, Matt Frattin, now with the NHL's Maple Leafs, got hurt while scoring an empty-net goal in the last game of the conference final against Oklahoma City, the Oilers' affiliate.

That made Eakins the top free agent among coaches during the summer of 2013, with several franchises vying for his services. He was young, he was a motivator …but it hasn't worked out so far. Team defence is so bad that it has its own meme (The Swarm) on social media and the team is not improving in the standings. Adding insult to injury, archrival Calgary is in a playoff spot right now, despite being in a rebuild themselves. Does Eakins have all the talent he needs? Probably not and that's a management problem. But it's hard to think of anyone to replace Eakins in that bottom spot right now.

Head coach Dallas Eakins of the Edmonton Oilers in the 7-4 loss to the Coyotes at Gila River Arena on Saturday in Glendale, Az. Eakins was ranked by ESPN the worst coach in the NHL. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

Out of patience

"Eakins doesn't get the benefit of the doubt anymore and really, it was a pretty short honeymoon."

CFL awards

White named offensive player of the week

Eskimos running back John White was named CFL offensive player of the week Tuesday after helping Edmonton to an 18-10 victory over the Saskatchewan Roughriders in last weekend's West Division semifinal.

White had 17 carries for 134 yards and added two receptions for 14 yards. His 148 total yards accounted for 64 per cent of the Eskimos' total offence.

Kick returner Kendial Lawrence earned the special teams player of the week honour and another teammate, defensive tackle Gregory Alexandre, was named top Canadian.

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Grey Cup

Organizers hoped for another final

Grey Cup organizers were hoping for different outcomes in the CFL playoffs over the weekend, but they still believe the big game on Nov. 30 will be a sellout.

Both the hometown B.C. Lions and Saskatchewan Roughriders — who have the most rabid fanbase in the league — were eliminated from post-season play on Sunday.

Manager Jamie Pitblado is confident the remaining 6,500 unsold tickets will be gone by kickoff on Nov. 30 at B.C. Place Stadium.

"We were certainly hoping the Lions would have a stronger showing … and we'd move a few more (tickets) along the way, but it is what it is."

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Vikings' Peterson suspended for rest of season – at least

NFL. Players' union plans to appeal ban of star running back

Adrian Peterson's future with the Minnesota Vikings dimmed further Tuesday, with the NFL suspending the star running back without pay for at least the rest of the season.

As his representatives initiated an appeal, Peterson remained at the centre of an escalating dispute between the league and the NFL Players Association over the player discipline process.

Commissioner Roger Goodell told Peterson he will not be considered for reinstatement before April 15 for his violation of the NFL personal conduct policy — the first example of a crackdown on players involved with domestic violence.

Adrian Peterson THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The NFLPA quickly announced it would immediately appeal, calling for a neutral arbitrator to handle it, and sharply rebuked the league for what it labelled as inconsistency and unfairness in determining the discipline. The NFL's words were even stronger, with a nearly 1,600-word statement spelling out the conditions for Peterson's path to return to the field and describing the reasons for the stiff punishment.

Goodell pointed to the child's age and the significant physical difference between Peterson and his son.

Goodell also came down on Peterson for showing "no meaningful remorse" for hurting the boy and expressed concern that he "may feel free to engage in similar conduct in the future." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Leafs blasted by Preds on ACC ice

Jonathan Bernier lasted all of 20 minutes while Pekka Rinne continued his early-season dominance as the Nashville Predators hammered the Toronto Maple Leafs 9-2 at the Air Canada Centre on Tuesday.

The Leafs goalie, who had allowed three goals in his previous two starts, gave up that many in the first period alone — two of them to Taylor Beck — before he was relieved by James Reimer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA

Bryant's shooting gives Lakers 2nd win of season

Kobe Bryant scored 28 points and the Los Angeles Lakers won for only the second time this season, beating the Atlanta Hawks 114-109 Tuesday night.

Bryant's biggest shot came with 1:11 remaining, when he backed in against Thabo Sefolosha and made a fadeaway jumper despite being fouled. Bryant slapped hands with a fan on the front row and completed the three-point play, giving the Lakers a 108-102 lead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Foes face off in friendly

Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo shakes hands with Argentina superstar Lionel Messi ahead of Tuesday's friendly at Old Trafford in Manchester. Ronaldo and Messi had left the pitch long before Raphael Guerreiro's stoppage-time header gave Portugal a 1-0 win. Scan the image with your Metro News app for a roundup of international friendlies from around the world Tuesday. PAUL ELLIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Soccer. Goalkeeper helps Canada draw Panama

Goalkeeper Milan Borjan made several big saves Tuesday to help Canada tie Panama 0-0 in an international soccer friendly.

The Canadian men offered little in terms of attack other than a late surge that saw play in the Panama end. But a draw in the hostile confines of Central America represents progress for a Canadian side building for the future.

Panama was reduced to 10 men after Anibal Godoy was sent off for a second yellow in the 74th minute.

Canada currently languishes at an all-time low world No. 122. It stands 16th in CONCACAF, which covers North and Central America and the Caribbean. Panama ranks 56th in the world and fourth in CONCACAF. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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2015 Buick Enclave

- **Type.** Four-door, 7- or 8-passenger full-size SUV
- **Engines.** 3.6-litre V6 with direct injection (288 hp)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic
- **Price.** $47,760 base, $55,260 as-tested

Market position

These full-sized people-movers make up a small segment of the market, but they're popular with drivers who need extra seats but don't want a minivan. Although it shares its engine and platform with other GM models, there's enough of a difference in its appointments to give it the unique look and feel that Buick buyers want.

Points

- The three rows of seating can make this a viable alternative to a minivan for many families.
- The priciest of the three vehicles built off this platform, it also offers the most luxury features.
- The available all-wheel-drive automatically distributes power to improve traction in slippery conditions.

Although impressive at first glance, the many plastic bits seem cheap.

Interesting features

Heated steering wheel, rear park assist, tri-zone automatic climate control, remote starter, and available power-folding mirrors, heated and cooled seats, lane-departure warning and forward-collision alert.

Smooth, suave and powerful

Review. Buick Enclave has room for eight, but looks and drives much better than a minivan

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PHOTOS: JIL MCINTOSH

No one was quite sure what would happen when Buick entered the SUV market with its all-new Enclave in 2008, but it turned out to be a bestseller for the company, which now also offers a compact sport-ute called the Encore.

The Enclave, based on a model that's also sold as the Chevrolet Traverse and GMC Acadia, has undergone several refinements since that first model. The 2015 version is mostly unchanged from 2014, with just the new availability of a heated wood-and-leather steering wheel.

In front-wheel drive, it comes in a single trim level starting at $47,760. I drove it in the all-wheel-drive configuration, which starts at $50,760. My Premium tester started at $55,260 and had a few added options, including a twin-pane sunroof and a trailer tow package, which includes heavy-duty cooling and raises the Enclave's towing ability from 2,000 to 4,500 lb.

Power comes from a smooth-running 3.6-litre V6, mated to a six-speed automatic transmission.

The ride is composed and luxurious, and the Enclave handles well without feeling heavy. What really impresses is its surprisingly tight turning circle: I've driven small sedans that can't turn around as easily as this big ute does. That's a real bonus when you're trying to park it in tight quarters.

The Enclave includes three rows of seats and, unlike some of its competitors, it's not only easy to get into the third row, but there's also good legroom back there and the seats are comfortable.

Both the second and third rows fold flat to provide more cargo space.

If there's a downside to this vehicle, it's the interior. Although it looks spectacular at first glance, with double-stitched accents and wood trim, there's far too much hard, pebbly plastic — making it seem much cheaper.

Beyond those complaints, though, the Enclave is a well-equipped, comfortable, and powerful way to get a lot of passengers wherever they need to go.

Compare

1 Chevrolet Traverse
Base price: $33,355
The Enclave's sibling offers the same engine and seating capacity, but at a much lower price with fewer features.

2 Hyundai Santa Fe XL
Base price:$31,099
Elegantly finished inside, the XL can be ordered with six captain's chairs.

3 Lincoln MKT
Base price: $50,660
Built in Ontario, the MKT has a continually variable suspension for a smooth and comfortable ride.

All right, all right, all right

Sales spiked after Matthew McConaughey's commercials for Lincoln, based on his True Detective character Rust Cohle. Could other automakers tap into Matt's vast repertoire?

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Texas touch. Character study finds several good matches for Matt's charm

Lincoln sales surged 25 per cent in the U.S. last month — recording the marque's top October tally in seven years.

The sudden spike may have been powered by the navel-gazing Matthew McConaughey advertising campaign, where the actor uses his True Detective character Rust Cohle to deliver a reflective soliloquy while driving the MKC SUV.

Although widely spoofed by everyone from SNL to South Park, it looks like Lincoln gets the last laugh.

So we wondered what other vehicles could benefit from the Oscar winner's Texan twinkle and wide range of captivating characters.

David Wooderson Dazed and Confused Corvette

Wooderson is a self-assured, chilled-out ladies man. He likes his rock American and loud, and his T-shirts tight and white, with a pack of smokes in the sleeve.

The seventh-generation Corvette, a 6.2-litre V-8 packing 460 hp and 465 lb.-ft. of torque is practically an eHarmony love match. It rocks out so much that the CEO of Chevy Korea says the model has been delayed due to the country's regulations on vehicle noise.

The pitch: "That's why I love these new Corvettes: I keep getting older but they stay the same age."

David Wooderson

Cooper Interstellar Tesla Model X

Cooper is a chiselled space cowboy who leaves his family behind to hurtle through a cosmic wormhole to a distant galaxy in search of inhabitable terra firma in hopes of saving mankind.

The hotly anticipated Model X and its electric powertrain may not reach superluminal speeds but the crossover certainly keeps up with this selfless hero's boldness and daring. The trailblazing car features rear falcon doors, which fold as they swing so they can open up in much tighter spaces.

The pitch: "Our greatest accomplishments cannot be behind us because our destiny lies on the open road ahead of us."

Cooper

Ron Woodroof Dallas Buyers Club Challenger Hellcat

McConaughey reportedly dropped 47 pounds to play HIV-afflicted electrician Ron Woodroof, who defiantly hawks Peptide T and other non-FDA-approved meds to legions of fellow patients.

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The pitch: "Life is fast — zero-to-60 in 3.7 seconds fast; top speed of 328 km/h. Let me give y'all a little news flash: You only got one life. Make it mean something."

Ron Woodroof

Tripp Failure to Launch Jeep Renegade

In a memorable turn from McConaughey's mid-2000s rom-com pumpkin patch, he plays Tripp, a charming, happy-go-lucky commitment-phobe still living with his parents at age 35.

Always up for a good time, this cute and compact Italian-built all-wheel-drive baby Jeep with a slick exterior and a wily sense of adventure fits Tripp's world view to a tee — especially the off-roading Trailhawk model.

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The pitch: "I'm not afraid of love, but I'm an explore-all-terrains kind of guy — dirt roads, bumpy sand dunes, snow-covered stretches. All are grand.

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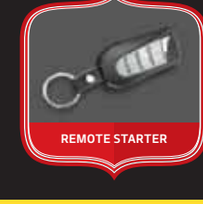

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Thanks Norway, for making us look bad

Autopilot. Nordic nation leads the world in per-capita wealth, energy efficiency and, now, EV ownership

AUTO PILOT
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Norway is starting to get on my nerves. The list of things it's good at is getting too long.

I wouldn't mind so much if the list was contained to Nordic things, such as ski jumping, cross-country skiing, and eating the most lingonberries per capita.

But, no, the things Norway is good at — world-topping even — are both significant and universal.

A few examples:

How about the most sovereign wealth per capita? Sure, Norway has oil, but so do a lot of other countries, including Canada. By the end of 2020, Norway officials expect its Government Pension Fund Global to be worth the equivalent of $1.1 trillion US in today's money.

How about the world's best school system? This is obviously a subjective rating, but many experts make a case that Norway's school system, based on the mantra, "One School for All," is the best in the world.

It consistently ranks very high in every educational metric, and dovetails perfectly with the country's vision of providing employment and a place for everyone. Norwegians are expected to "master the art of living together." Maybe a bit left-leaning for some North Americans, but it works for them.

And how about the Syltelabb? This delicacy, a holiday favourite of the Norwegians, is to die for, especially if you have a thing, like they and I do, for boiled, salt-cured pig's trotters.

Norway is also the top-ranking country in the World Economic Forum's Global Energy Architectural Performance Index, which purports to measure how countries manage energy, through the metrics of economic growth, sustainability, and access. Norway does several things well in this regard, but one way it probably leads the world is in burning garbage in a profitable and clean way. This was a headline in the U.K.'s Guardian newspaper earlier this year: *Trash to cash: Norway leads the way in turning waste into energy*.

The article explains that U.K. cities are paying to send rubbish to Norway, and Norway is importing as much rubbish as it can get, in an effort to generate more energy by burning waste in its vast and efficient incinerators.

And now, I've just learned that Norway leads the world when it comes to electric vehicle adoption. Norway, that oil-rich, cold-climate nation, has more EVs per capita than any other country.

Tax incentives and a publicly funded network of recharging stations drive EV use in Norway. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Roughly one in six cars sold in Norway is an EV, a very healthy 16 per cent share. By my reckoning, about one in 250 cars sold in Canada during 2013 was an EV, for a 0.004-per-cent share. (The share gets even more molecular when you lump in the 978,000 crossovers, SUVs and light trucks sold in 2013, many of which are used like cars.)

Norway created a way for EVs to flourish, through high tax incentives and a comprehensive and publicly funded charging infrastructure.

We don't seem to have the same appetite to invest in EV adoption and infrastructure in Canada.

But with Norway's track record of success in everything from making succulent dishes with pig's feet to making the best of anything energy-related, you wonder if maybe we should be following its EV lead more closely.

We're different countries with different characteristics, but there is no denying that Norway has the upper hand right now.

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#/£ Limited time lease offer from Honda Canada Finance Inc. (HCFI), On Approved Credit. The weekly lease offer applies to a new 2015 Fit DX, model GK5G3FE for a 60-month period, for a total of 260 payments of $40, leased at 2.99% APR. 120,000 kilometre allowance (12 cents/km excess charge applies). Consumers may pre-purchase up to a maximum of 16,000 extra km/year at $0.08/km at the time of entering into the lease agreement. Total lease obligation is $10,400. Lease obligation includes freight and PDI of $1,495 and applicable fees except PPSA lien registration fee of $10.76 and lien registering agent's fee of $5.25, which are both due at time of delivery. No down-payment required. Taxes, license, insurance, environmental fees and registration are extra. Dealer may lease for less. Offers valid from November 1, 2014 through November 30, 2014 at participating Honda retailers. Offers valid only for Alberta residents at Honda Dealers of Alberta locations. Weekly leasing available on terms of 36 months or greater. Offer subject to change or cancellation without prior notice. Offer valid on new in-stock 2015 vehicles. While quantities last. Visit HondaAlberta.ca or your Alberta Honda dealer for details.

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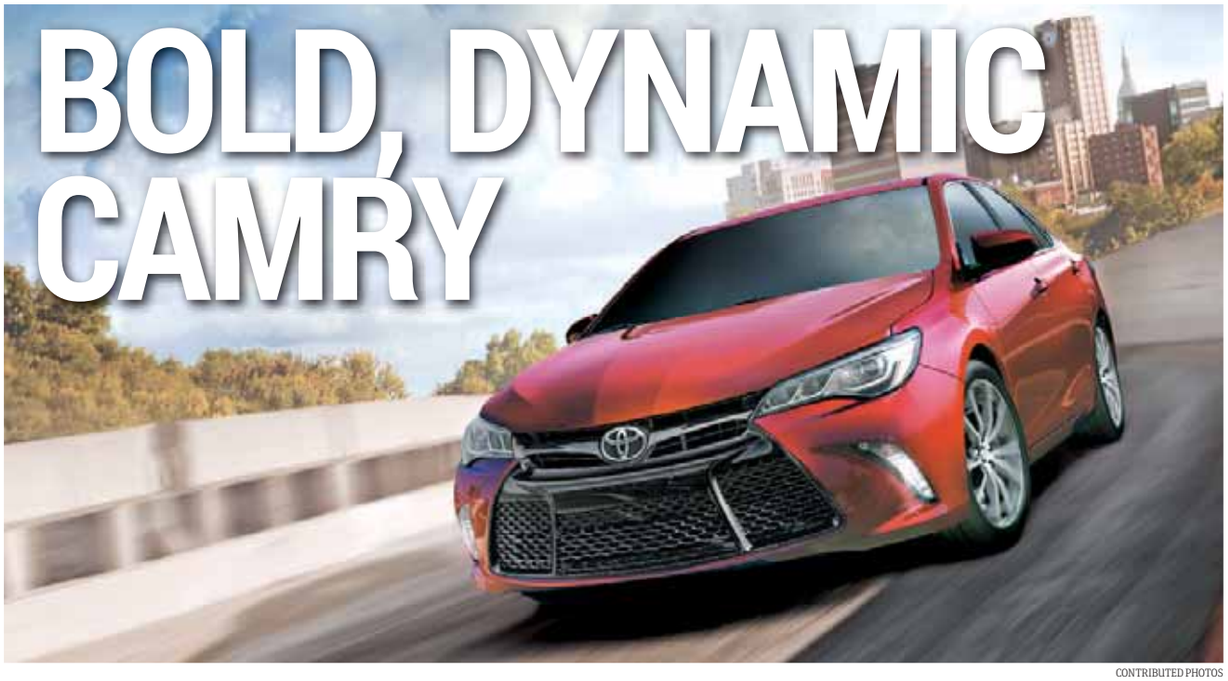

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A bestseller now becomes even better with the redesigned 2015 Toyota Camry. Starting with the reliability and fuel efficiency already built into every Camry, Toyota has redesigned the 2015 Camry to create a car that is premium in looks and feel, but is still value-packed for Canadian buyers.

The Camry was redesigned from the ground up. It's now unmistakable from any angle, with a slightly longer body and a wider track that improves the car's stability and gives it a dynamic, athletic stance.

A sporty new XSE trim line joins the LE, XLE and SE, giving buyers even more choice in the extremely competitive midsize sedan segment.

The Camry's aggressive new front includes a wider, more prominent trapezoid grille that further punctuates the car's low, lean look, flanked by sharp slashes that incorporate the LED running lights. The new XSE goes a step further with its unique mesh grille and fascia, announcing its sportier suspension and driving characteristics.

On all models, the grille arches back to the sleek new lights. At the rear, wraparound tail lamps sweep into an attractive garnish below the trunk lid's integrated lip spoiler.

But the Camry's beauty isn't just skin deep. The chassis and body structure have additional spot welds for enhanced rigidity, which improves ride quality and cornering ability. The retuned suspension makes the new Camry far more responsive, but while it responds quicker to steering input, it never becomes a chore to drive. This improved steering feel inspires confidence and makes the Camry a true driver's car.

The XSE's suspension includes sportier shock absorbers and firmer bushings, higher-rate coil springs, and unique steering tuning that make it a standout, along with its trim-specific 18-inch wheels, heated sport seats, premium navigation system, and satellite radio.

The Camry lineup offers a choice of two engines. The 2.4-litre four-cylinder generates 178 horsepower and does a great job of getting the Camry quickly up to highway speeds, while it's smooth and efficient on the daily commute. For those who want even more, there's an available 3.5-litre V6 in the XLE and XSE that delivers 268 horsepower. Both engines mate to a smoothly-shifting six-speed automatic transmission.

The Camry is new inside as well, with new levels of refinement, roomier feel, premium materials, more soft-touch surfaces, and the quietest cabin yet. Seat materials range from premium cloth to genuine leather and Ultrasuede, with seats and door panels accented with high-contrast stitching.

On the SE, XLE and XSE models, the instrument cluster features a new 4.2-inch TFT (thin film transistor) colour screen that co-ordinates with the multimedia system to display audio and navigation information, communication, and vehicle warnings without being a distraction to the driver. The screen is nestled between three-dimensional Optitron gauges that not only look high-tech, but are easy to read.

The reconfigured centre console offers increased capacity and a convenient power source inside the storage box. On the centre stack, a new covered bin opens with a touch and includes an available wireless charging system for select smartphones.

As always, safety is a priority, and the Camry now has improved brake feel, along with 10 standard airbags including driver and passenger knee airbags, enhanced stability control, brake assist, and Smart Stop Technology.

All in all, the new 2015 Camry offers a better driving experience, more premium features, unmistakable sleek styling, and advanced technology features, while still maintaining Toyota's legendary commitment to safety and value.

HYBRID IS FUN AND EFFICIENT

The company that introduced the hybrid certainly knows a thing or two about making it better. Along with its gas engine Camry sibling, the Camry Hybrid is also new for 2015, with sleek new styling, premium interior and features, and new suspension and chassis tuning for improved and athletic driving dynamics that you might not expect from a gasoline-electric vehicle.

The sporty new Camry Hybrid SE has been added to the lineup to give hybrid buyers even more choice in trim levels. Toyota's engineers enhanced the front suspension's stabilizer bar and control arm bushings for a sharper steering feel and improved ride quality, while the stability control system is retuned for smoother intervention and more natural feel. Of course they did — it's a natural fit for an engine and electric motor combination that delivers 200 horsepower.

The aggressive new styling features a trapezoid mesh grille, strong upward-swept body line, sleek headlamps, and wraparound tail lamps. Inside, the Camry Hybrid includes premium seating material, roomier feel, and high-tech connectivity features such as available wireless charging for select smartphones. With available sport suspension, the 2015 Camry Hybrid is as much about fun as it is about efficiency.

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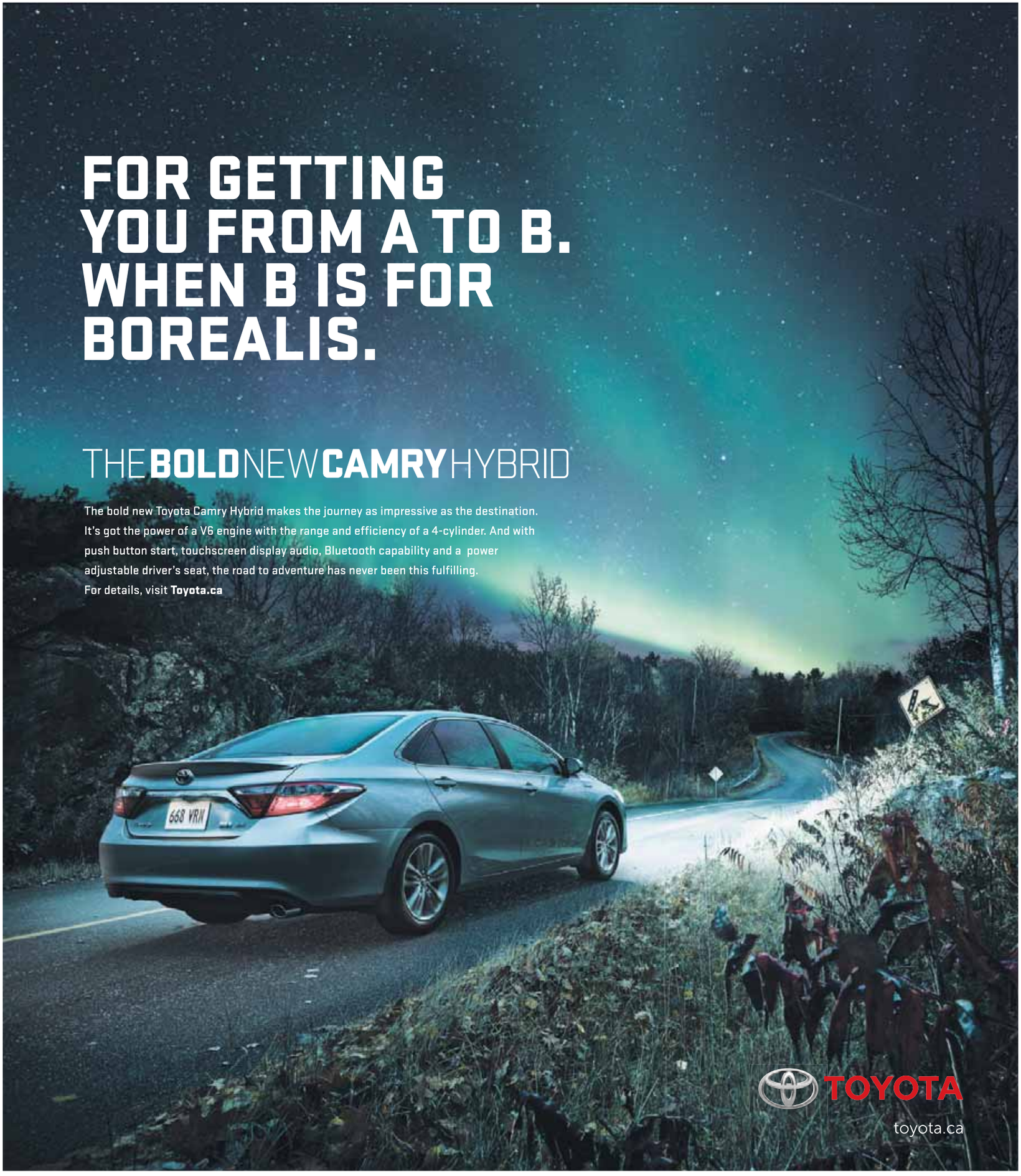
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Porsche adds hybrid SUV to its stable of electric vehicles

Porsche has added a Cayenne hybrid tall wagon to its widening portfolio of electrified high-end vehicles for 2015 — joining the 918 Spyder super sports car and Panamera S E-Hybrid executive sedan. The Cayenne is the first premium plug-in hybrid SUV, the automaker says. Like the Panamera plug-in, the Cayenne S E-Hybrid packs a 333-horsepower 3.0-litre supercharged V6, supplemented by a 95-horsepower electric motor. The bigger-bodied Cayenne also gets a larger lithium-ion traction battery to feed that motor. With total system torque clocking in at 435 lb.-ft. between 1,250 and 4,000 r.p.m., it will sprint to 100 km/h in a reasonably quick 5.4 seconds.

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Porsche says the new Cayenne S E-Hybrid is the world's first premium electric-powered SUV.

Detroit Electric close to production

Detroit Electric has finalized the exterior design of its pure electric two-seat SP:01, as it gears up for production in Leamington Spa, England. The lightweight, low-volume sports car will be billed as the world's fastest battery-electric car when it goes on sale in Asia, Europe and North America next year. The design has been subtly updated to improve the vehicle's aerodynamic performance. The most striking element is a new fastback configuration, replacing the prototype's high-edged "flying buttresses" on either side of the rear window. Cladding the battery pack in a protective composite casing has also improved torsional rigidity to better protect it from punctures in a collision.

The Detroit Electric sports car is ready for production in England.

Shift points

- Despite a slow start, the U.S. Environment Protection Agency says automakers are on track to meet tougher fuel economy goals for 2025. The agency says the fleet-average goal of 54.4 mpg can be met.
- The Guinness Book of World Records has certified that 507 electric cars attended an event in Cupertino, Calif. in September, beating the record of 481 set earlier this year in Germany.
- The Nissan Leaf has already surpassed its own sales record for the most U.S. electric vehicle sales in a year. Without releasing the number, Nissan says the Leaf outsold its nearest competitor by 50 per cent.

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Google Cardboard and a Volvo Reality app combine to capture the driver's view from the XC90 SUV. AFP

Virtual reality. Volvo offers virtual test drive of XC90 with Google Cardboard

Volvo has become the first auto maker to embrace Google's Cardboard do-it-yourself virtual reality headset.

The Swedish company will be using the technology and a smartphone app to offer visitors to the L.A. auto show a new way to experience its latest models.

Google Cardboard turns any smartphone into a virtual reality headset. When combined with the Volvo Reality app from Google's Play store, Volvo fans will be able to slide their phone into the headset and get a sense of what it will be like to sit behind the wheel of the XC90 — Volvo's new flagship SUV.

"With a smartphone, cardboard, two lenses and a magnet, customers can experience a test drive that puts them in the driver's seat of the XC90," said Bodil Eriksson of Volvo Cars North America.

"With Google Cardboard, we can deliver an experience that is so much richer than simple videos or pictures. We can now transport people into a 360-degree world, where they can explore and experience the next-generation luxury SUV, months before it's in dealerships."

Volvo is working on an iOS version of the app and plans to offer a trilogy of test-drive themes. AFP

Toyota. First fuel-cell car hits streets in Japan, should arrive here next year

Toyota said Tuesday it would start selling the world's first mass-market fuel-cell car in Japan next month and elsewhere in 2015, in what its top executive called an industry milestone.

The four-door Mirai sedan, powered by hydrogen and emitting nothing but water vapour from its tailpipe, will launch with a price tag of 6.7 million yen ($64,900) in Japan, where Toyota expects to sell 400 units next year.

The Mirai, which means "future" in Japanese, will hit North America and some European countries in 2015.

"We are at a turning point in the automotive industry," Toyota chief executive Akio Toyoda said in a video message on the company website.

Toyota is aiming to sell "tens of thousands" of Mirais over the next decade.

A limited driving range and lack of refuelling stations have hampered development of fuel-cell and all-electric cars, which environmentalists say could play a vital role in cutting greenhouse gas emissions.

Toyota's Mirai, seen in Tokyo, can travel 650 km without refuelling. AFP

The Mirai can travel about 650 kilometres without refuelling, and its tank can be filled in a few minutes like gasoline engine vehicles, Toyota said.

"Mirai symbolizes two major innovations," executive vice-president Mitsuhisa Kato said Tuesday in Tokyo.

"First, this is an innovative way to solve global environmental and energy problems ... and second, this innovation will help usher in a hydrogen-based society."

Fuel-cell cars are seen as the Holy Grail of green cars as they are powered by a chemical reaction of hydrogen and oxygen, which produces nothing but water.

Tokyo has pledged to make hydrogen available at a price similar to, or less than, gasoline while boosting the number of refuelling stations to about 100 next year.

Meanwhile, Honda said Monday that it is aiming to launch a new fuel-cell vehicle in Japan by March 2016. AFP

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Sporty and spunky, especially with AWD

Second gear.
2007 to 2014
Suzuki SX4

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Although Suzuki will finish pulling out of the Canadian market by the end of 2014, its SX4 has been available here since 2007 — as both a compact sedan and a five-door hatch, similar to the Ford Fiesta, Subaru Impreza and others.

The SX4 offered good driving dynamics, a flexible cabin, good visibility and decent reliability. The hatchback could be optioned with all-wheel drive.

Other content included cruise control, air conditioning, tinted windows, remote entry, tilt steering, power locks, an auto-dimming rearview mirror, heated seats, leather-wrapped accents and an in-dash CD changer.

There are plenty of used models available from 2007 to 2010 in the sub-$10,000 price range.

Common Issues

Look for signs of unwelcome vibration at speed, which could be the result of a bad driveshaft or CV joints. The vibration may be accompanied by a rhythmic ticking or clunking sound.

A roaring noise, or a loud hum at speed, could be the result of a bad wheel bearing. Have a mechanic take a look if you're unsure of any sounds.

Note that some owners have reported the engine taking a while to fire up when started, which could be a computer-related issue that requires a re-flash of the system.

Avoid models that have been lifted or subjected to other suspension modifications, especially on SX4 AWD models, since modifying the factory setup can result in blown struts and worn-out wheel bearings.

If the heat, AC or climate control system in general seems poor, a plugged cabin air filter is the likely culprit.

Other issues are minor.

A hood or hatch that won't stay open on its own may need new hood struts, which are cheap and easy to repair.

A rattle from beneath the car is likely an exhaust heat shield that's become rusted and loose. It should be replaced, but it can likely be removed with a pair of channel-locks and some biceps, for free.

Non-functional air conditioning is likely caused by a bad compressor and/or compressor clutch. These repairs build on each other, so have a mechanic determine whether the car needs a new compressor clutch, or the entire compressor and clutch assembly.

Finally, note that AWD-equipped SX4 models have more rigorous servicing requirements, with 30,000-kilometre intervals specified for certain fluid changes.

Following this service regimen is key to durability, so budget for an immediate fluid change and tune-up if the service records are unclear.

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What owners like

Generous headroom, all-season traction with the AWD system, the ability to switch the AWD system on and off with a switch as required, an easy-to-use Bluetooth system and good fuel efficiency.

What owners dislike

Complaints tend to centre around a less-than-impressive factory stereo, road noise at speed, and the desire for a bit more than 150 horsepower to move the car along.

Engines

All models got a 2-litre four-cylinder engine with 140 to 150 horsepower. Manual or automatic transmissions could be had with either model, including the AWD hatch.

The verdict

Providing that the SX4 you're considering passes simple mechanical checks, a well-maintained model will likely prove to be an affordable, reliable car loved for its all-season confidence, distinctiveness and sporty driving character.

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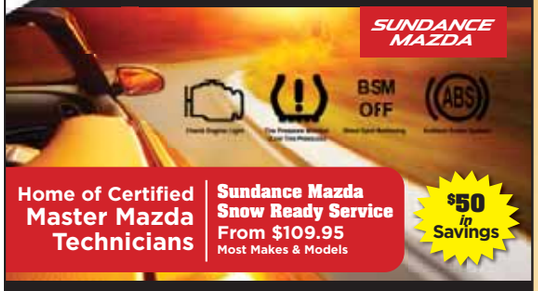

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Don't be afraid to approach people in positions of power if you have an idea to put forward or if you would like to put yourself forward for promotion. You are guaranteed a positive response.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
There will be no end of opportunities to complete outstanding tasks over the next few days, so forget about your daily schedule and have fun.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Accept that what people say is what they mean. If a friend has promised to do something for you then you must trust that they intend to deliver.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Don't waste time wishing you were somewhere else or doing something else. You are exactly where you need to be and you are doing exactly what you are supposed to be doing.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If you apply pressure in the right place today you will accomplish something huge. Act as if you have total self-belief and others will be so intimidated they will help.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The outcome of a personal dilemma is in the balance but you are the one whose actions will decide which way it tips.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The planets indicate you are destined to offend someone over the next 24 hours. So, whatever it is you are planning, do it quickly and do it well.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
With so much energy at your disposal you don't have to stick to the same old routines. Whatever natural talents you possess you can and you must make them work for you.

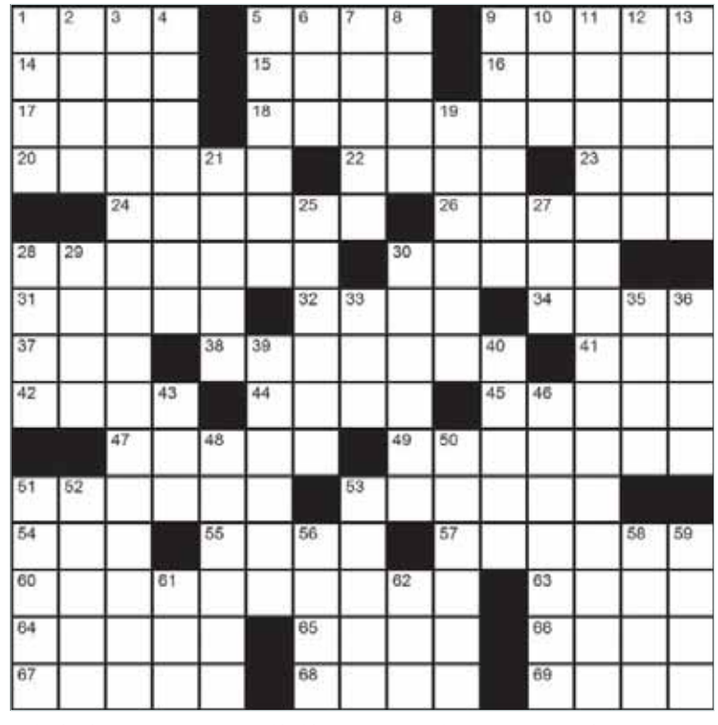
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You have business to finish and you must not let anyone stand in your way. Don't let yourself be distracted by issues that have no relevance to the task.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may think if you take a risk it will pay off but can you be sure? Unless you are 100 per cent sure of the outcome you should play safe.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
A rival will try to intimidate you into doing things their way but their overly assertive attitude will make you want to do the opposite. Can you be sure that it isn't a double bluff? Maybe it's best to do nothing at all.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Introduce new methods into your daily routine. If you can do that then what you feared would take days to complete can be dealt with in hours.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Finale, in music
5. Adroit
9. "__ Judy"
14. Basketball great Mr. O'Neal, to fans
15. Swear
16. Flubbed
17. Nitassinan is their homeland
18. Adventure sport in Golden, BC
20. Broken Scene link (Canadian band)
22. Like, green-style
23. "Fee! __! Foe! Fum!"
24. Malice
26. Super happy
28. Newfoundland town Raleigh's funny old name: 3 wds.
30. Grant
31. Delete
32. Role
34. Rich earth
37. Fish type
38. Halifax's NBL Canada team
41. Wood sorrel
42. Carson of "The Voice"
44. "Assuming that's true...": 2 wds.
45. __ of Canada (High honour)
47. Stephen King fictional town in Maine
49. Treaty city in 1713 in The Netherlands
51. "Ditto here!": 3 wds.
53. Canadian coins: D.G. Regina = Dei __ Regina (By the grace of God, the Queen)
54. Rolaid alternative
55. Canadian actor Raymond (b.1917 - d.1993)
57. Rolling Stone editor/publisher, Jann S. __
60. __-__ with Fish (Artwork by Inuit artist Pitseolak Ashoona)
63. Charlotte's Jane
64. "Robin Hood: __ Tights" (1993): 2 wds.
65. Raise [abbr.]
66. Tomato type
67. Paradises
68. Remain
69. Crack

Down
1. Canuck spy agency, for short
2. "My Gawd!": 2 wds.
3. Current song by Canadian band The New Pornographers: 2 wds.
4. Thomas __ (Theologian of the 13th-century)
5. "The Blue __" (1946) starring Veronica Lake
6. Hit album in 2002: '__-Olution'
7. Actor Scott
8. Identical
9. Robert Louis Stevenson physician
10. Mr. Geller
11. __ __ Provincial Park, in BC
12. Canadian film trophy, formerly
13. Advanced hesitantly
19. Slender
21. Fossil resin
25. Epitomize
27. "You've Got Mail." co.
28. Listen
29. Field
30. Arthurian attire
33. Years: French
35. Banda __ (City in Sumatra in Indonesia)
36. Market
39. Open the windows: 2 wds.
40. South's opposite ...in Spanish
43. Even so
46. Carl and Rob
48. Ms. Givens'
50. Garish
51. Todd Rundgren song: "Hello __ __"
52. Fooled
53. Actor Rupert
56. MLB figs.
58. Ms. Bombeck
59. Harvest
61. Old coin of Japan
62. Record label for Victor?

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					5			
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	3						7	
	6	9	5	3	7	1	8	

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6	3	7	9	2	4	5	8	1
4	1	8	6	5	3	9	7	2
9	5	2	7	8	1	6	3	4
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